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For: MEDICAL CATHETER )  
ASSEMBLY INCLUDING A )  
REMOVABLE INNER SLEEVE )  
AND METHOD OF USING )  
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SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Supplemental to the Information Disclosure Statement filed February 26, 2002, and in accordance with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. 1.56, 1.97 and 1.98, Applicants disclose the following information:

1. U.S. Patent No. 4,826,477, inventor Adams, issued May 2, 1989;
2. U.S. Patent No. 4,306,545, inventors Ivan et al., issued December 22, 1981; and
3. European Patent Application No. 976 418, published February 2, 2000.

Copies of the foregoing documents are provided with this paper. In addition, these documents are listed on the enclosed PTO Form FB-A820. Applicants respectfully request that the

Examiner consider the enclosed documents and evidence that consideration by making appropriate notations on the enclosed form.

This submission does not represent that a search has been made or that no better prior art exists and does not constitute an admission that the enclosed documents constitute "prior art."

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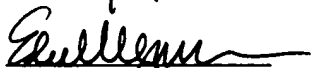
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